

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 5142, With an Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)**

117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5142

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 31, 2021

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4       The Congress finds the following:

5               (1) At 9:44 A.M., on August 26, 2021, the  
6       Pentagon confirmed that one explosion occurred at  
7       the Hamid Karzai International Airport.

1           (2) The explosion was confirmed to be a suicide  
2 bombing by ISIS–K terrorist group.

3           (3) Estimates as high as 200 deaths were re-  
4 ported, including 13 servicemembers of the United  
5 States, as well as hundreds more wounded.

6           (4) The attack on Thursday, August 26, 2021,  
7 at the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul,  
8 Afghanistan, killed 13 United States  
9 servicemembers, making it the deadliest single day  
10 of the war for the United States in more than a dec-  
11 ade.

12           (5) The American servicemembers went above  
13 and beyond the call of duty to protect citizens of the  
14 United States and our allies to ensure they are  
15 brought to safety in an extremely dangerous situa-  
16 tion as the Taliban regained control over Afghani-  
17 stan.

18           (6) The American servicemembers exemplified  
19 extreme bravery and valor against armed enemy  
20 combatants.

21           (7) The American servicemembers dedicated  
22 their lives and their heroism deserves great honor.

23           (8) Maxton Soviak, Kareem Nikoui, David  
24 Espinoza, Rylee McCollum, Jared Schmitz, Hunter  
25 Lopez, Taylor Hoover, Daegan William-Tyler Page,

1 Nicole Gee, Humberto Sanchez, Dylan Merola,  
2 Johanny Rosario Pichardo, and Ryan Knauss have  
3 been identified as the 13 servicemembers who died  
4 from the blast while stationed at Hamid Karzai  
5 International Airport.

6 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDALS.**

7 (a) PRESENTATIONS AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of  
8 the House of Representatives and the President pro tem-  
9 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements  
10 for the posthumous presentation, on behalf of the Con-  
11 gress, of a single gold medal of appropriate design in com-  
12 memoration to the 13 servicemembers who perished in Af-  
13 ghanistan, on August 26, 2021.

14 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purposes of the  
15 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary  
16 of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the  
17 “Secretary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-  
18 blems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the  
19 Secretary.

20 (c) SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Following the award of the  
22 gold medal under subsection (a), the gold medal  
23 shall be given to the Smithsonian Institution, where  
24 it shall be available for display as appropriate and  
25 made available for research.

1           (2) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of  
2 Congress that the Smithsonian Institution shall  
3 make the gold medal received under paragraph (1)  
4 available for display outside of the District of Co-  
5 lumbia at times, particularly at other locations asso-  
6 ciated with the 13 servicemembers who perished in  
7 Afghanistan on August 26, 2021.

8 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

9           The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in  
10 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 2 at  
11 a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor,  
12 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses.

13 **SEC. 4. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

14           (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medal struck pursuant  
15 to this Act is a national medal for purposes of chapter  
16 51 of title 31, United States Code.

17           (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section  
18 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all medals struck  
19 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

20 **SEC. 5. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF**  
21 **SALE.**

22           (a) AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.—There is  
23 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint  
24 Public Enterprise Fund such amounts as may be nec-

1 essary to pay for the costs of the medals struck pursuant  
2 to this Act.

3 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—The amounts received  
4 from the sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under  
5 section 3 shall be deposited into the United States Mint  
6 Public Enterprise Fund.

7 **SEC. 6. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

8 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of  
9 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,  
10 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement  
11 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this  
12 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record  
13 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-  
14 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the  
15 vote on passage.